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PRESS RELEASE

BANKRUPTCY JUDGE ROBERT SOMMA TO RESIGN

BOSTON (February 15, 2008) — Gary Wente, Circuit Executive of the First Circuit, announced today that Judge Robert Somma, Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts, has tendered his resignation, effective April 1, 2008. Until that time, Judge Somma will remain on leave. Mr. Wente stated that Judge Somma has rendered excellent service as a bankruptcy judge since his appointment in 2004.

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